



1 fitness at a very high level; and

2       Whereas Sergeant Burrright enjoyed camping and fishing with his family and friends; and

3       Whereas the lives of Sergeant Burrright and those closest to him were forever changed on Sep-  
4 tember 4, 2001; and

5       Whereas on that evening, Sergeant Burrright, OSP Senior Trooper Maria Mignano and Officer  
6 Jason Hoerauf of the Albany Police Department were struck by a vehicle on Interstate-5 near  
7 Albany as they were assisting a family whose van had broken down on the highway; and

8       Whereas Senior Trooper Mignano and Officer Hoerauf were killed instantly and Sergeant  
9 Burrright sustained critical injuries from which he never recovered and which caused him to med-  
10 ically retire in 2002; and

11       Whereas from December 2001 to May 4, 2021, Sergeant Burrright received around-the-clock care  
12 from a private care facility in Albany; and

13       Whereas despite Sergeant Burrright's injuries, his wife recalls that he had the ability to com-  
14 prehend everything in his surroundings and that he was able to hear and communicate through  
15 facial expressions, eye rolls and laughter; and

16       Whereas Sergeant Burrright was fully aware that he was well taken care of and loved by his  
17 family, friends and the entire staff who tended to him at the care facility; and

18       Whereas Sergeant Burrright fought for his life with toughness and bravery, and his tremendous  
19 physical fitness played a role in his survival; and

20       Whereas Sergeant Burrright died on May 4, 2021, almost 20 years after he sustained his trau-  
21 matic injuries; and

22       Whereas OSP officials attributed Sergeant Burrright's early death to the injuries he sustained  
23 on September 4, 2001, and they designated his passing as a "line of duty" death; and

24       Whereas Sergeant Burrright was the 34th OSP trooper to die in the line of duty; and

25       Whereas Sergeant Burrright is survived by his wife and their three sons, two grandchildren, his  
26 mother, his brother, his sister and many other family members, friends and colleagues who honor  
27 him; and

28       Whereas on April 21, 2016, in a dedication ceremony held outside the new OSP headquarters  
29 building, a Salem street was named in honor of Sergeant Burrright; and

30       Whereas Sergeant Burrright was a dedicated law enforcement officer who served the people of  
31 the State of Oregon with honor and distinction; now, therefore,

32 **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

33       That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, recognize and honor Sergeant  
34 John Burrright for his service to this state.

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